

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2001

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board met on Friday, February 16, at 10 a.m., in the Weldon Suite of the E.S. Good Barn on the Campus of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. Governor Patton, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the secretary called the roll.

Members Present:

Governor Paul E. Patton, Chairman; Mark Farrow, representing Commissioner Billy Ray Smith, Vice Chairman; John-Mark Hack, Executive Director; Larry Clay; Seth Conner; Susan Harkins; Wayne Hunt; Sam Lawson; Dean Scott Smith; Sam Moore; Willa Poynter; Eddie Sellers; Mike Slaughter; and Smith Mitchell, representing Secretary Gene Strong.

Members Absent: Daniel Case

Others Present:

Larry Jeffries, KARDA; Sharon Burton, The Farmer's Pride; Amy McCowan and Martin Richards, Community Farm Alliance; Janet Patton, Lexington Herald-Leader; David Sparrow, UK College of Agriculture; Bill Brundage, Governor's Office of New Economy; Arthur Hall and Tracey Herington, Harrison County Agricultural Development Council; Brittany Edleson Shelby CES; John M. Barrick; Allorganic; John D. Burton; Cumberland Valley Regional Milling Doug Adams; Don Slagel, Fayette Agricultural Development Council; John Stevenson, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association; Hampton "Hoppy" Henton, USDA/FSA; and Ben Gramig, Jeff Harper, Robert Hignite, Joel Neaveill, Lisa Thomas, and Tim Woods, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

Minutes of January 19, 2001 Meeting:

The minutes of the January 19th meeting were approved as submitted.

Welcoming Remarks:

Governor Patton welcomed everyone to the Agricultural Development Board (ADB) meeting and thanked Dean Smith for the gracious hospitality extended by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Dean Smith welcomed the ADB to the University. He stated that the University was honored to have the opportunity to host the meeting.

Cooperative Extension Service Year End Report:

Dean Smith presented the Board with the Year End (2000) Report to the Agricultural Development Board (Cooperative Extension Services; activities supporting implementation of House Bill 611). The Dean briefed the members on the report.

Executive Director's Report:

John-Mark Hack, Executive Director advised the board that he had received a notice of resignation from board member Keith Jeffries. Mr. Jeffries stated in his letter of resignation because of time constraints he would be unable to continue to fulfill his duties with the Board.

Next, Mr. Hack advised the members that Governor Patton would hold a press conference at 11 a.m. announcing that Dr. Ray Goldberg, had agreed to assist the state in developing a long-term planning process for Kentucky agriculture and rural development, and the appointment of Hampton "Hoppy" Henton as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Center for Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship.

Code of Ethics for the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board:

Mr. Hack asked that the members review the draft document of the Code of Ethics for the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. Because of the nature of the document he recommended that members not take action on the document until the next meeting of the ADB.

County Council Review Process:

The draft document of the County Council Review Process was discussed. Susan Harkins asked that a statement be added to the document stating that County Agricultural Development Council members would be eligible to receive Agricultural Developments funds.

Mike Slaughter moved that the document be adopted with the inclusion of Ms. Harkins statement. Seth Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Dean Smith asked if the document would be communicated to County Agricultural Development Councils through the UK College of Agriculture County Extension Services or if ADB staff would disseminate the information. Mr. Hack advised that the document would be communicated by both entities.

Dr. Bill Brundage, Office of New Economy:

Dr. Bill Brundage, Executive Director, of the newly created Office of the New Economy addressed the ADB members. He gave an overview of his assignment to lead the development of a strategic plan for new economic development in the Commonwealth and shared his perspective on the potential of agriculture as a primary component of the strategic plan.

Referral of Project Proposals:

John-Mark Hack recommended that the board refer all projects to the Project Review Committee for review and recommendation.

Mike Slaughter moved with a second from Sam Moore to refer all projects to the committee. The motion passed by voice vote.

Plan Review Committee Report:

Eddie Sellers presented the committee report. He advised that plans were being made for teleconference training for the County Ag Extension Agents. No date had been set.

Dean Smith asked that when the plans were returned to the counties requesting additional information that the ADB should state specifically what information is needed, and that the letters be positive and encouraging to the county councils.

Mike Slaughter moved with a second by Susan Harkins to adopt the report and recommendations. The motion passed by voice vote.

Project Review Committee Report:

Sam Lawson presented the committee report. He advised that most of the proposals received to date would benefit greatly from the expertise of the Kentucky Center for Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship. He asked when the Center would be operational. John-Mark Hack advised that Hoppy Henton would be assuming his duties as Director of the center either March 15 or April 1; however, David Bratcher has already begun consulting work for the center. David is reviewing applications, meeting with applicants and making recommendations.

Mike Slaughter moved with a second by Wayne Hunt to adopt the report. The motion passed by voice vote.

Project Approval and Administration:

Gordon Duke, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the Project Approval and Administration document that contains a number of policy statements relating to application approval and key criteria for fund administration and disbursement.

There was discussion and numerous questions.

Governor Patton asked that the members suspend discussion and discuss the Genetic Improvement Cost-Share Programs. He stated that many of the members' questions would be answered during discussion of that program.

Genetic Improvement Cost Share Programs:

Larry Clay gave an overview of the proposed program. This program is intended to give uniformity to county or multi county projects that address cost-share assistance for purchasing high quality genetics as it relates to sires. These guidelines are considered to be minimum standards/expectations for state-wide genetic improvement.

Changes were made to the document as follows:

General Program Guidelines;

- 1.c. second sentence, change the word recommend to require.
- 3.b. change \$1000 to \$1250.

Gordon Duke asked that staff be given approval authority for proposals meeting the criteria and that counties be allowed to approve and fund county plans.

Sam Lawson moved with a second by Larry Clay to adopt the program with amendments and Gordon Duke's recommendation. The motion passed by voice vote with Sam Moore abstaining.

Governor Patton asked that staff draft and send a media release advising that the Board would be considering a forage program very similar to the genetic improvement program.

Governor Patton asked if members had other ideas for model programs.

Resume Discussion of Project Approval and Administration:

There was additional discussion on the document. Specifically, what constitutes matching funds.

The document was amended as follows:

In kind match must be defined.

Project Approval: 8.d. be deleted.

Governor Patton asked that the document be approved with the understanding that it can be amended later.

Sam Lawson moved with a second by Eddie Sellers that the document be approved as amended. The motion passed by voice vote.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ADB is Friday, March 16.

Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Copies of all handout and meeting materials are on file in the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.